

COUNTRY Hungary

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TOPIC 1. Soviet Troops in Cegled.

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2. Hungarian Military Installations in Cegled, Oerkeny Tabor and near Tápít-Szele.

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REMARKS

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Soviet Troops.

1. Prior to 8 February 1952, the former cavalry barracks installation on Szolnoki Street in Cegled (Q 48/O 08) quartered a Soviet tank unit. Soldiers of this unit wore black epaulets including some with tank insignia. About 20 trucks and several jeeps were seen several times in the barracks yard. The tanks were repeatedly parked in the area west of the installation at the intersection of Szolnoki Street and Toerleti Street. [REDACTED] 7th tanks [REDACTED] had eight bogie wheels each. Flat traversable turret mounted a heavy machine gun and a rod antenna as well as a gun of unknown caliber having a muzzle brake. Prior to January 1952, the barracks installation on the north-east side of Toerleti Street quartered Soviet soldiers with black service color; an undetermined number of trucks was also located there. \*

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Hungarian Military Installations.

2. Prior to early February 1952, a private house on Rakoczi Street in Cegled was occupied by Hungarian signal troops who wore dark-blue service color including some with a lightning bolt cluster insignia. [REDACTED] the unit consisted of about 150 soldiers and 15 women NCOs. In December 1951, the replacement detail was transferred from the National Bank building to the former officers' club at the intersection of Teleki Street and Kossuth Street. An AVH office was stationed in the National Bank building.
3. In July 1951, a new barracks installation adjoining a barracks installation occupied by Hungarian artillery was built south of the Budapest-Kecskemét (X 6/N 95) road in Oerkeny Tabor (Q 48/N 78). \*\* The new barracks consisted of 4 four-story buildings and one two-story building and 8 air-raid shelters. These circular shelters were four-story concrete structures, had walls about 50 cm. thick, and were about 1 meter deep in the earth. Their height above the earth and their diameter respectively was about 8 meters. The upper platform of a completed shelter mounted a light AA gun of about 30 mm caliber.

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The shelters had two semi-circular porches one of which had lookout slits and served as an observation post, while the other served as an entrance. One of these porches mounted an .A machine gun.

1. An ammunition depot was located in a deciduous wooded area, southwest of the Nagykatá (Q 48/J 00) - Tapio-Szele road, 5 km northwest of Tapio-Szele prior to October 1951. The depot consisted of a two-story barracks installation located at its south exit and 38 brick structures 4 meters wide, 6 meters long and 4 meters high for the storage of ammunition. They were arranged in three double rows about 200 meters apart and each was spaced about 50 meters apart. They were interconnected by a narrow-gauge railroad which extended to the truck unloading place in the middle of the camp, where several roads converged. No spur track to the Tapio-Szele-Farmos railroad station was available, and supplies were hauled to the depot by trucks. Items stored at the depot included gunpowder packed in white 50-kg jute sacks with a Russian inscription, shells packed individually in wooden boxes weighing 50 kg, egg-shaped hand grenades and mines. The depot was surrounded by a double barbed wire fence, 2 meters high. It was guarded by soldiers with green epauletts who also worked in the depot. About 100 soldiers were stationed there.

\* Comment. The installation was previously reported occupied by Soviet tank troops.   The information tends to indicate that some of the tanks probably were JS-3 tanks. The 87th Gds Hv SP Gun Regt of the 2d Gds Mecz Div is possibly stationed in Ceiled.

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\*\* Comment. The barracks installation was previously reported.

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